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PAPERS OF THE FIRST COUNCIL OF SAFETY OF THE REVOLUTIONARY PARTY IN SOUTH CAROLINA, JUNE-NOVEMBER, 1775.

[*Continued from the October number.*]

[103.]

[RETURN OF CAPT. EZEKIEL POLK'S CO. OF RANGERS.]

A return of the Officers noncommissioned officers and Privates of the Company of Rangers Commanded by Colº William Thompson Esqr from 18th day of June to the 7th day of October 1775 [98]

[98] It will be remembered that when the Provincial Congress of South Carolina elected officers for the regiment of Rangers in June 1775 Ezekiel Polk was elected one of the captains and Samuel Watson one of the lieutenants. They were both commissioned by the Council of Safety on June 18th. Captain Polk recruited a company and joined Major Mayson's camp at Ninety Six on Sunday, July 23, 1775 (Vol. I. of this mag., p. 68). He remained in camp just a week, and on Saturday, July 29th, marched out of it, sent his men to their homes and wrote Major Mayson a letter announcing that he had quit the sirvice (Vol. I., p. 70). For this he was dismissed from the service, but he explained his conduct satisfactorily to Wm. Henry Drayton, special representative of the Council of Safety, and was reinstated by the Council to the command of his company independently of the 3d Regiment (Rangers), but under the command of Col. Thomson (Vol I., p. 192). This is the first return of the company.

		£	S	D
	Ezekiel Polk. Capt — 111 Days @ 70/	3.88	00	00
	Samuel Watson Ft Lieutt 111 Days @ 45/	244	10	
	William Polk Sd Do ... 92 Days @ 45/	207	——	——
7th July 1775	Thomas Alexander Serjt 92 Day - - @ £25 ℔r mn	75	——	——
11 July. ,,75.	Jonathan Fitchet Do 88 Days - - @ £25 ℔r M	.71	13	4—
7th July ,,75.	Alexr Stuart Drummer 92 Days . . @ £20 ℔ M	.60	——	——
	Privates			
7th July ,,75	Jonathan Potts. 92 Days.... @ £20 ℔r M	.60	——	——
7th July ,,75	Samuel Wilson 92 Days.... @ £20 ℔r M	.60	——	——
Do — —	Robert Adams . . 92 Days.... @ £20 ℔r M	60	——	——
Do — —	William Alexr . 92 Days.... @ £20 ℔r M	60	——	——
8th July . . ,,75	James Brown . . 91 Days.... @ £20 ℔r Mh	.59	6	8—
10 July. ,,75	James Hawthorn . 90 Days.... @ £20 ℔r Mh	58	13	4—
10 July ,,75	John Cancillor . . 90 Days.... @ £20 ℔r M	.58	13	4—
10th July ,,75	Benjamin Rowan 90 Days.... @ £20 ℔r M	58	13	4—
11th July ,,75	John Janes . . . 89 Days.... @ £20 ℔r M	.58	——	——
Do — ——	James Nickels . . 89 Days.... @ £20 ℔ M	.58	——	——
Do — — —	Josiah Porter . . 89 Days.... @ £20 ℔ Mt	.58	——	——
Do . . .	John Caruth . . 89 Days.... @ £20 ℔r Mt	58	——	——
Do	James Barron 89 Days.... @ £20 ℔ Mt	.58	——	——
Do ——.	Daniel Shaw . 89 Days.... @ £20 ℔ Mt	58	——	——
Do ——	John Knox . . 89 Days.... @ £20 ℔. M	.58	——	——
Do — —	John Miller - — 89 Days.... @ £20 ℔r M	58		——
Do —	Thomas Clemens 89 Days.... @ £20 ℔r M	.58	——	——
12th July ,,75	Samuel Callwell 88 Days — @ £20 ℔r M	57	6	8—
Do ——	Alexr Adams . . . 88 Days. @ £20 ℔r M	.57	6	8—
Do ——	David Calhoon - - 88 Days - - @ £20 ℔ M	57	6	8
Do ——	Benja Brown . . . 88 Days.... @ £20 ℔r M	.57	6	8—
Do . . .	William Ridley . - 88 Days . . @ £20 ℔r M	.57	6	8

12th July	,,75	George Adams	88 Days . .	@ £20 ℔r M	57	6	8
15th July	,,75	John Gordan . . .	85 Day	@ £20 ℔r M	55	6	8
17 July	,,75	Charles Patrick	83 Days.	@ £20 ℔r M	54	—	—
18 July	75	James Crawford	82 Days	@ £20 ℔r M	53	6	8
Do —		Alexr Campbell	82 Days	@ £20. ℔r M	53	6	8
		those men have Received £50 Each, & if the officer, with whom they were Chooses to keep them, upon letting me know, I can list 2 in their Room—[99]					
Do		Robert McCleary	82 Days....	@ £20 ℔r M	53	6	8
21st Augt.	75	Isaac Horner.....	47 Days ...	@ £20 ℔r M	31	6	8
21st Augt	75	Alexr Nickels	47 Days...	@ £20 ℔r M	31	6	8

South Carolina

Capt. Ezekiel Polk came before me & declard upon oath that the above return of the officers & privates is Just & true———

Sworn before me this 9th of October 1775.
Tho : Charlton

Ezekiel Polk

Endorsed: Return of Captn Polk's Company brought in to Council of Safety by Mr Kershaw 14 Octob 1775.

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[99] James Crawford had been reënlisted or transferred to Capt. Charles Heatly's Company, 3d. Regt., or Rangers. (See Vol. I., p. 295.)

[104.]

[HENRY LAURENS TO CAPT. ARNOLDUS VANDER HORST.]

Sir.

I am ordered to inclose & return you the Account which was laid before the Council of Safety this Morning upon which is a Bill, on the Colony Treasurers payable to your order for £86.3.9 for provisions &c made use of by your Company in the late service at Haddrel's point—the Council observe that your Company have relinquished a further claim which they had upon the public for £203.0.3—& have ordered me to return you thanks & to request you to return their thanks to your Officers & Men. I am &c

16 Octob 1775

Capt Arnolds Vanderhorst

Christ Church

Endorsed: Copy 16th Octobr 1775
Capt Vanderhorst

[105.]

[HENRY LAURENS TO COL. WM. MOULTRIE.]

Sir—

I am ordered by the Council of Safety to desire you will immediately order an equiry to be made howmany Seamen are inlisted in the Regiments of Foot, & to make a return of the names & numbers of the whole to Morrow. & to enquire of such Seamen if they are willing to change the service by acting on board the Colony Schooners where their pay will be considerably advanced— I am

Sir

Charles Town
19th October 1775.

Your most obedient
& most hum Servt

Colonel Moultrie.

Endorsed: Copy 19th Octobr 1775
To Colls Moultrie

[106.]

[GEORGE GALPHIN TO THE COUNCIL OF SAFETY.]

Addressed: To
The Hona^{bl} Concil of Safty
Ch : Town

Gent^{m}

I belive I mentin^{d} by the Express the other Day that m^{r} Rae my nevey & son was gon up to the Creeks with the amnison & a talk from the gent^{m} of the Committe in Savannah & a talke from my self the ancer to them is In Close^{d} m^{r} tatte give out a talke from S^{ir} James Wright & Capt Stuart the same Day thire ancer is Likeway In Close^{d} about half the uper Town^{s} is in the Interest of west floarada & has youse^{d} all thire Interest to bringe the rest of the nattion to thire way of thinking but they Coul^{d} not preswade them to it nor it will not be in there power to Do it in Case they are sepley^{d} from hear as usall they are all at home & very unEasey for want of amnison to go out a hunting as this is the month they go out for there winter's hunt they Disiere that this talk may be sent to the belove^{d} men of Ch : Town & Georgia & for me to send up there ancer Emedeatly Let it be good or bad if the gent^{m} of the Committe in Savvanna wood but Let part of the good^{s} & amnison know on Savvanna beloning to the merch^{ts} hear Come up that Everey trader might have 2 horse Load of amnison to Carey up know it wood satisfy them tho it is not more than half what they uselly Carey wee have Lost half the uper Town^{s} allred^{y} & if they had been supplay^{d} as usall wee should not Lost one Town of them but they have sent there trade to pensacollo & they have brought up plenty of amnison for them holms [100] had anuff a Do to stope severele of the trader that Deale Down hear from going to pencacollo for good^{s} and amnison

[100] David Holmes. (See Vol. I., p. 124.)

& in Case there is no amnison goe to them till the Commissinors meets at Salsberry[101] & has finssht there bissness there the seson for hunting will be over & there will be no passeyfying them & they will say all the talk we have sent them is nothing but Lys for they ware told there wood be nothing but Lying talks sent them from these two provences one of the heed men told holms that mr tatte[102] give out a talke some time ago to the Indians & told them they ware not to belive any talke but what Came from Capt Stuart or the governor if any man brought any other talks there he wood send them in Irions near the great watter holms Chalengd tatte with it in the square before all the Indians he Denyd it, the fellow got up that told holms & he told tatte he was a Lyer he Did say say so & florisht his hatchet a bout that holms had a nuff a Do to passefy him as Long as mr Rae & holms was in the nattion mr tatte gave out no bad talks I no if the gentm of the Committee had a fue Lines from you they wood send the amnison up Emedeatly I have wrote them as pressing as I Can but for fear they should not send it if you wood be kinde a nuff to InClose me a Letter for them I wood send it from hear to them I will forfet my Livef to Keep the Lower Creeks peasable if they are Suplyd & the will keep the uper Creeks peasable there is some of the heed men of the Lower Towns to be at my hous by the Last of the month it will be verey unLuckey if I should be gon before they Come Down they sent me word by holms that I might Depend upon there being Down it wase told in the Creeks that the governr of penesacollo & Capt Stuart was going to send amnison throw the Creeks to the Cherekes I have wrote the Creeks & told some of the heed men that was hear, as sone as the goods & ammison Came in it wood be sent to them they have been told the goods is Come in there will be no puting them of any Longer if they finde we tell them Lys they will not belive a talke that is sent them what

101 See letter of Henry Laurens, dated Sept. 29, 1775, to the Georgia Council of Safety, Vol. II., p. 24.

102 Tate.

is the youse of Commissinors if it is not in there power to have the Indians Seplyd all the talks they Can give them will be of no youse D holms writes you by this Express plase pay the Express 20£ Carriing

I am Gentm your most Obed
humbele Servent George Galphin
Obr 15 1775

P: S it was sayd in the Creeks that mr Ch: Stuart with 50 men was sone to be there the Reson the Indians menttiont the Diferent Contery people in there talks they ware told the Irish & the amercans had Joined againest the Englus & Scoth

Endorsed: Gēo Galphin, 15 Octo.
1775—Received & Read
in Council the 21st
Answered as within
the 22d ——

[107.]

[HENRY LAURENS TO GEORGE GALPHIN [103].]

Charles Town 22d Octobr. 1775—

Sir—

We thank you for your favour of the 15th Inst which together with the Sundry Talks & Letters said to have accompanied it, came safe to hand yesterday & we immediately took the subject matter under our consideration.—

It appears from your opinion, from Mr Holmes's intelligence & from the politick Indian Talks, that we have no other means for keeping our Indian Allies in peace & friendship with us but that of supplying them with Ammunition Clothing &cc as usual, we therefore cannot withhold our assent that such Goods should be sent among them, & we shall

103 This copy of Henry Laurens's answer to Galphin was written on the inside of the wrapping sheet of Galphin's letter to the Council of Safety. (See the endorsement to that letter.)

impart our sentiments on this head by Tuesday's Post to the Council of Safety at Savanna, we apprehend, our Letter by Post will sooner reach their hands than if it went through yours—you will nevertheless write to them if you see it necessary.—

We think it of great moment that you should have a personal interview with those Indians expected the latter end of this month at your House & therefore recommend, to delay your intended journey to Salisbury even to the 5th or 6th November if they do not arrive sooner; it will be very proper that those Indians should be well informed of the appointment of Commissioners for the sole purpose of conducting the Trade with them, & of the several departments of Commissioners, as well as by what authority appointed—the novelty & dignity of this grand plan will excite their curiosity, strike them with awe & tend to confirm their resolutions to remain neuter at least till they shall learn & see the effects of the new arrangement; if you find it necessary to remain at home so long as the 5th or 6th November you may apprize Mr Wilkinson of the case he may go on before you & if we compute the distance truly you will have time enough to join your Colleagues on the 12th or a day sooner, & perhaps be as early for business as any of them—the first day is, generally in all new Assemblies, spent in establishing preliminary rules & modes for proceeding—but we wish that at least one of the Commissioners nominated for his Colony should be at Salisbury on the very day appointed for meeting.

We have paid the Messenger who brought your Letter Twenty Pounds.

By order of the Council of Safety

George Galphin Esquire—

[108.]

[CAPT. ROBERT GOODWYN'S PAY BILLS.]

A Return to the paymaster of the Officers Non Commissioned officers & privates of the Second Company of Rangers Com-

manded by Colo William Thomson from 1 day of August to the 20th of Sepr 1775———

Captn	Robert Goodwyn	— 51 days at 70s / ..		£178-10-0
1 Leut	David Hopkins	51 . Dto	... 45 / ..	114- 0—
2 Leut	William Mitchell	Dto	....45 / ..	114———
Searjts	Merry Mc Gwyer	Dto		41-13-4
	John Johnes	Dto		41-13-4
Drumer.	Henry frits	Dto@20/pr Month		33- 6 8
1	Willm fust[104]	Dto		33- 6 8
2	Thomas Millar	Dto		33- 6-8
3	James Randolph	Dto		33- 6-8
4	John Gibson	Dto		33- 6-8
5	James Anderson	Dto		33- 6-8
6	Benjamin Hodge	Dto		33- 6-8
7	William partridge	Dto		33- 6-8
8	Henry Wyley	Dto		33- 6-8
9	William Lassater	Dto		33- 6-8
10	Briant Addams	Dto		33- 6-8
11	John Sneling	Dto		33- 6-8
12	Elijah peters	Dto		33- 6-8
13	Lewis Broadway	Dto		33- 6 8
14	Lewis Coon	Dto		33- 6-8
15	Jesse killingsworth	Dto		33- 6-8
16	Hix Chappell	Dto		33- 6-8
17	Gilberd Gibson	Dto		33- 6-8
18	John Tapley	Dto		33- 6-8
19	Charles Dever	Dto		33- 6-8
20	Gilberd Gibson Cons[105]	Dto		33- 6-8
21	Joseph Wells	Dto		33- 6-8
22	Gunrod[106] Coon	Dto		33- 6-8
23	Gardner Williams	Dto		33- 6-8
24	William Lee	Dto		33- 6-8
25	Burwell Fust[104]	Dto		33- 6-8

[104] Foust. (See Vol. II., p. 180.)

[105] Gilbert Gibson, of the Congarees. The other Gilbert Gibson was probably from Orangeburgh.

[106] Conrad Kuhn.

26	Benjamin Gibson	Dto	33- 6-8
27	John Jackson	Dto	33- 6-8
28	William Winingham	Dto	33- 6-8
29	Solomon peters	Dto	33- 6-8
30	William Hubbar[107]	Dto	33- 6-8
			£1523.3.4

Capt Robert Goodwinn Maketh Oath that this is a just & True Return to the pay Master of the Officers Noncommission Officers & privates in his Company

Robert Goodwyn

Certifd & sworn to Before me the 20th Oct 1775

R Winn J. P.

A Return to the paymaster, of the Officers Non-commissioned officers And privates of the Second Company of Rangers Commanded by Colo William Thomson from the twentieth of September to the Twentieth of October 1775

Captn	Robert Goodwyn 30 days.	@70s / pr day	£105- 0-0
1 Leut	David Hopkins 30 days @. 45/ pr day		067-10-0
2 Leut	William Mitchell	Dto	067-10-0
Searjts	Merry Mc Gwyer	Dto	025- 0-0
	John Johnes	Dto	25- 0-0
Drumer.	Henry Frits	Dto	20- 0-0
1	William Fust	Dto	20- 0-0
2	Thomas Millar	Dto	20- 0-0
3	James Randolph	Dto	20- 0-0
4	John Gibson	Dto	20- 0-0
5	James Anderson	Dto	20- 0 0
6	Benjamin Hodge	Dto	20- 0-0
7	William partridge	Dto	20- 0-0
8	Henry Wyley	Dto	20- 0-0
9	William Lassater	Dto	20- 0-0
10	Briant Addams	Dto	20- 0-0
11	John Sneling	Dto	20- 0-0
12	Elijah peters	Dto	20- 0-0

107 Hubbard. (See Vol. II., p. 180.)

13	Lewis Broadway	Dto	20- 0-0
14	Lewis Coon	Dto	20- 0-0
15	Jesse killingsworth	Dto	20- 0-0
16	Hix Chappell	Dto	20- 0-0
17	Gilberd Gibson	Dto	20- 0-0
18	John Tapley	Dto	20- 0-0
19	Charles Dever	Dto	20- 0-0
20	Gilberd Gibson Cons	Dto	20- 0-0
21	Joseph wells	Dto	20- 0-0
22	Gunrod Coon	Dto	20- 0-0
23	Gardner williams	Dto	20- 0-0
24	William Lee	Dto	20- 0-0
25	Burwell Fust	Dto	20- 0-0
26	Benjamin Gibson	Dto	20- 0-0
27	John Jackson	Dto	20- 0-0
28	William Winingham	Dto	20- 0-0
29	Solomon peters	Dto	20- 0-0
30	William Hubbard	Dto	20- 0-0
			£910 ,, ,,

Capt Robert Goodwin Maketh Oath that the above is a just & True Return of the Officers non Commission Officers & privates

Sworn to Before me the 20th October 1775 Robert Goodwyn

Richd Winn J P

Endorsed: Capt Goodwyns
Paybill—

Endorsed also: Pay Bill
For the
20th day of Octr

[109.]

[CAPT. ELY KERSHAW'S PAY BILL.]

A Return of the Officers Non Commissioned Officers & Privates of the third Company of Rangers Commanded by Colo William Thomson from the first day of September to the Twentieth day of October 1775——

Ely Kershaw Capt — 50 days..a 70/..	£175.	,,.	,,
Francis Boykin 1st Lieut 50 days..a 45/..	112,,	10.	,,
Thomas Charlton 2d Lieut 50 days..a 45/	112,.	10.	,,
Thomas Pemble Sergt ..			
1 Month & Twenty days. a £25. ℔r Month	41,,	13,,	4
Augustine Prestwood Sergt do ..a do	41,,	13,,	4
Privates			
1 Thomas Courson..			
1 Month & 20 days. a £20 ℔ Month	33,,	6,,	8
2 Henry Harmon...ditto..a do	33,.	6,,	8
3. Robert Martin....ditto..a do	33,,	6,,	8
4. Alexander Gaston.ditto..a do	33,.	6,,	8
5. Joseph Furguson..ditto..a do	33,.	6,,	8
6. BenjaminFurgusonditto..a do	33,.	6,,	8
7 Richard Nickells..ditto..a do	33,,	6,.	8
8. George Gray.....ditto..a do	33,,	6,,	8
9 John Gray.....ditto..a do	33,,	6,,	8
10. Jacob Cherry ....ditto..a do	33,,	6,,	8
11 Mordicai McKinnieditto..a do	33,,	6,,	8
12 Thomas Howell...ditto..a do	33,,	6,,	8
13 Peregrine Magness ditto..a do	33,,	6,,	8
14. John Payne.....ditto..a do	33,,	6,,	8
15 James Saxon.....ditto..a do	33,,	6,,	8
16. John Steel..... ditto..a do	33,,	6,,	8
17. Jeremiah Simmons ditto..a do	33,,	6,,	8
18. William French...ditto..a do	33,,	6,,	8
19. John Swilla.....ditto..a do	33,,	6,,	8
20 James Cook.....ditto..a do	33,,	6,,	8
21. Newill Barefoot ..ditto..a do	33,,	6,,	8
22. John Montgomery.ditto..a do	33,.	6,,	8
23 Samuel Sessions...ditto..a do	33,.	6,,	8
24. Aaron Alexander .ditto..a do	33,.	6,,	8
25 Robert Gaston....ditto..a do	33,,	6,,	8
26. Uriah Goodwyn ..ditto..a do.....	33,.	6,,	8
27. Robert White ... ditto..a do	33,,	6,,	8
28. Hugh Gaston.....ditto..a do	33.,,	6,,	8
Carried Over.....	£1416,,	13,,	4,,

	Brot Over.....	£1416,, 13,, 4,.
29.	William Weatherford..	
	1 Month & 20 days a £20 ℔ month	33,, 6,, 8
30.	John Wright.....ditto..a do ...	33,, 6,, 8
	Thomas Wood Drummer ditto..a do	33,, 6,, 8
		£1516,, 13,, 4

Ely Kershaw maketh Oath, That the above is a just & true Pay Bill of his Company to the 20th day of October 1775—

Sworn before me
this 4. day October 1775
Tho : Charlton

Ely Kershaw.

Endorsed: Capt Kershaws
Paybill—

[*To be continued in the next number of this Magazine.*]